

Present: Heidi Yetman, Robert Taylor, Layla Barroca, Roger Plourde, John Donnelly, Ann Granger, Paul Pompa, Marie Wahba, Steven Colpitts, David Chisholm, Ronnie Marin, and David Estok
Regrets: Tom Rhymes

International Program: Students in the international program will be writing June exams and are allowed to use an approved translation device. International students are exempt from French exams and their class course code should be different.

Upcoming ESD workshops : Marie reported that there will be an “Ed Camp” or an “Unconference”, which is a participant-driven learning experience, for the elementary teachers on April 22, 2016. There will also be workshops on formative assessments for school success on January 25 and February 3, 2016

Evaluation: The schedule for the April and June 2016 exams is now available.

Technology: The “Google” tool Read&Write has been purchased and training will be given to the resource teachers by SSD.

Continuing Education: Pearson’s School of Culinary Arts was named the best English culinary school in Quebec by Maclean’s Magazine.

V.A.R. : V.A.R. has specific criteria, one in which the activity must involve the participation of students. It is important that School Council makes it part of their agenda or that a special committee is formed. If there are any concerns about an ECA that doesn’t seem to fit the credit criteria, there needs to be consultation with Human Resources through L.R.C. (Labour Relations Committee).

Future Ready Schools: Marie gave a presentation on the Future Ready Schools philosophy, a holistic approach to teaching using technology. Christmas Park Elementary will be a pilot school in 2016-2017. A summit will be held at Lakeside Academy on April 30 and May 1, 2016.

Arts and Music: A discussion was ensued on the importance of arts and music at all levels, but with special attention to the elementary schools. It was decided to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

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